Development (1945-46) Department

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Dated 15-7-46

[Despatch Abstract.]

Labour - Memoranda and letters received from the Madras Provincial Tra

Union Centres - Action taken.

THE MADRAS PROVINCIAL TRADE UNION CONGRESS.

'SHARAFALI HOUSE",
Broadway, Madras-1.
Dated 7th November 1947.

Hon'ble Sri H. Seetharama Reddy,
Minister for Labour and Industries,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

Sir,

We are requesting you to inform us what action the Government proposes to take regarding the following issues we have placed before the Honible Minister for Labour, Dr. Rajan and the Labour Department on several occasions for which we were promised reply but which we have not got as yet.

1. Non-implementation of Textile Award and lockouts declared by various mill owners (Memorandum submitted on 29-10-47)
2. Grievances of tannery workers (Memorandum submitted on 21-10-47)
3. Enquiry Court to go into the condition of Press Workers (Memorandum submitted on 21-10-47)
4. Spencer workers' grievances (Memorandum submitted on 21-10-47)
5. Interim Relief to Motor Workers (Memorandum submitted on 21-10-47 and 3-11-47)
6. Nationalisation of Transport (Memorandum dated 20-10-47)
7. Lockout in Raja Mills, Madura (Letter dated 5-11-47)
8. Tripartite Meeting (letter dated 3-11-47)
9. Grievances of Madura Hotel Workers - Request setting up of Industrial Tribunal (letter dated 3-11-47).
10. Memorandum by Negapatam Steel Rolling Mill workers' Union.
11. Memorandum by I.L.T.D. Workers' Union (Indian Leaf Tobacco Development Co. workers' Union Chirala on 21-10-47.

We are to day submitting another memorandum regarding strike in cashew factory in Mangalore, and requesting immediate intervention (Memo enclosed herewith) Further we are also anxious to point out that the workers engaged in Beedi, Cigar, tannery industries etc. are discontented because of the refusal of the managements to implement the recommendations of the Enquiry Court of Dr. B.V. Narayanaswami Naidu. Various Unions are threatening to go on strike. We request you to refer all the recommendations of Mr. Naidu to an Industrial Tribunal under the industrial Disputes Act. We learn various unions have approaches the Government to do the same.

Requesting you to take immediate action on all the memorandum and letters we have submitted.

We also request you to fix up a day when the representatives of Tamilnad Handloom Weavers' Federation can meet you and discuss with you certain problems facing hand loom weavers. A Memorandum has been prepared to be submi to you.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

P.Balachandran. R. Ramanathan.
General Secretary. Joint Secretary.

Copy to: The Secretary, Development Department,

Development Department.

Letter No. 109281 P I/47-1 dated 22-12-47.

To
The General Secretary,
The Madras Provincial Trade Union Congress,
6, "SHARAFALI HOUSE",
157, Broadway, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Labour - Memoranda and letters received from the Madras Provincial Trade Union - Congress Action taken -

Ref: Letter from the General Secretary and Joint Secretary, Madras Provincial Trade Union Congress dated 7-11-47.

I am directed to indicate below the stages at which the matters referred in the letter cited stand:-

Items 1,2,3, 11 and memorandum dated 3-11-47 referred to in item 5. These are under the consideration of the Government.

Item 5: (Memorandum dated 21-10-47) The District Magistrate concerned have been asked to prosecute the managements for failure to implement the award.

Item 6: Nationalisation of motor transport., A reply will be sent separately from Home Department.

Item 7: The District Magistrate, Madura, has been directed to prosecute the management. The dispute regarding closure has also been referred for adjudication and the lockout and strike prohibited.

Item 9: The dispute has been referred for adjudication ... ...e strike and lockout prohibited.

Item 10: Government of India have been addressed for a regular ~~re~~ supply of billets at economical prices.

The memorandum dated 2-10-47 on the Spencer workers ' grievances and the letter dated 3-11-47 on the Tripartite Conference have not been received. Copies may be furnished.

A copy of the memorandum proposed to be presented by the Tamilnad Handloom Weavers' Federation may be sent. On receipt, the question regarding interview will be considered.

THE MADRAS PROVINCIAL TRADE UNION CONGRESS.

6,"SARAFALI HOUSE",
157, Broadway, Madras,
Dated 7th April 1948.

The Assistant Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Memorandum sent by the Provincial Handloom Weavers' Federation and the letter sent by the MPTUC to the Labour Minister, Government of Madras.

Ref: Your letter No.109281-P1/47-1 dated 22-12-47.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of our letter to the Labour Minister, Government of Madras, dated 3-11-47 regarding our suggestion to call for a tripartite meeting and a copy of the memorandum (tamil translation) submitted by the Provincial Handloom Weavers' Federation regarding the grievances of handloom weavers, as required by you in your letter under reference.

Yours faithfully,
Sd. x x x
for General Secretary

/True Copy/

THE MADRAS PROVINCIAL TRADE UNION CONGRESS.

6,"SARAFALI HOUSE",
157, Broadway, Madras-, 1.
Dated 3rd November 1947.

Hon'ble Dr. T.S.S. Rajan,.
Minister for Labour.
Madras.

Sir,

We have represented to you the grievances of Spencer Workers, Tannery workers, Motor workers and Press workers and you were good enough to promise immediate action.

Memoranda had been submitted to you on all these industries. Another Memorandum on the non-implementation of awards regarding textile workers had also been submitted. Many mills in the province are declaring lockouts. This lockout is threatening to be province wide one. May I request you to inform our office what action the Government proposes to take regarding all the industries I have mentioned above.

3. I suggest the government call for a tripartite meeting as early as possible of all employers, workers and the Government representatives, so that all questions affecting labour can be settled and the threatening industrial crisis averted. The Provincial, Trade Union Congress is ready to co-operate in this effort. Further, if a tripartite meeting will take time. I suggest the Government empower the Labour Commissioner to call for informal tripartite meetings once in a month wherein the offiliated unions of the Trade Union Congress or the trade union Congress representatives along with the employers discuss the issues facing the workers and

the industries. Such meetings can be held industry-war or according to trade groups like textile, transport, engineering, tanning, beedi, cigar etc. or shop assistants.

Requesting you to take immediate action.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Sd, P. Balachandra Menon.
GENERAL SECRETARY.

Copy to:-

1. The Labour Commissioner, Chepauk, Madras.
2. The All India Trade Union Congress, Bombay.

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Gist of portion marked (T) on p. 24 ante.

Memorandum presented by the President, Tamilnad, Handloom Weavers' Association, Madras, dated 10-11-47.

By the creation of Food Committees, the position of the weavers in the Province reached a further stage of deterioration. From the very beginning of the formation of these Food Committee this Weavers' Association represented to Government that the appointment of members to the Committee should be selected by the people and not by the Government in order to avoid the entry of hoarders and balckmarketeers. But now the Government have abolished the Food Committees stating that these Committees are not functioning properly. In the present day juncture the abolition of these Committees is dangerous and retrograde step. This makes the blackmarketers and hoarders to go on with their blackmarketing and Hoarding business. Instead of abolishing these Committees, the Government should have ordered ~~that~~ the reconstitution by allowing the people to choose their own representatives. This Association is of the opinion that the abolition of these Committees is advantageous only to the hoarders and blackmarketeers.

Development Department.

Letter Ms. No. 3782 , dated 16th July 1948.

To
The General Secretary,
The Madras Provincial Trade Union Congress,
6, Sharfali House, 157, Broadway,
Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Labour - Memoranda and letters received from the Madras Provincial Trade Union Congress - Action taken.

Ref: Your letter dated 7-4-48.

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I am directed to indicate further the stages at which the matters referred to in the letter dated 3-11-1947 and the Memorandum submitted by the Provincial Handloom Weavers' Federation stand:-

Tripartite conference.

It has not yet been decided when to hold the conference.

Constitution of Unit Production Committees.

Orders have already been issued for the constitution of Unit Production Committees.

Mills which close down.

The question of amending the Industrial Disputes Act for prohibiting the closure of mills with a view to evade implementation of awards is under the consideration of Government.

Working of three shifts by the mills.

There is no provision in the Factories Act which enables the Government to require the mills to work three shifts. An appeal has however been made to all the employers to work three shifts as far as possible in the interests of production and employment.

Framing of Standing Orders.

This is obligatory under the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act and the Commissioner of Labour who is th certifying authority under the Act will take necessary steps to see that suitable standing orders are framed by mills .

Handloom industry - Suggestions.

A reply has already been sent in this department letter No.110765-MII/47-2, dated 2-4-48.

Food Committees. The Government ordered the abolition of Food Committees only after a very careful consideration of all the relevant factors pertaining to the question.

Sd. x x x
16-7-48.

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